

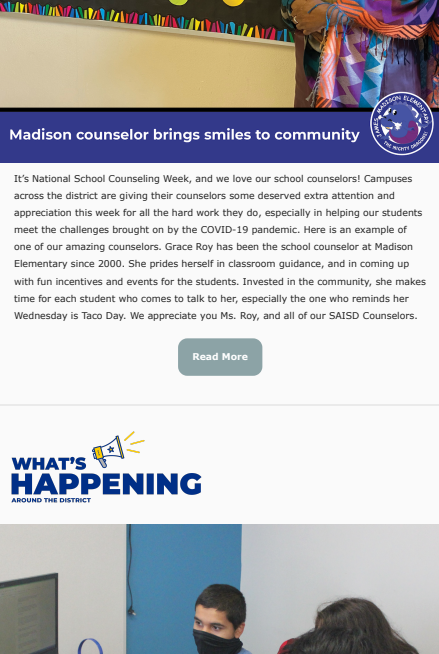


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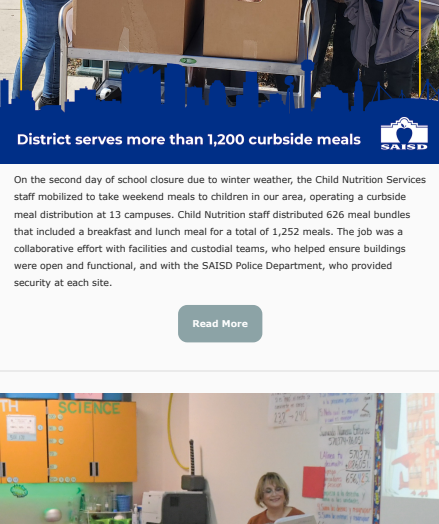
Madison counselor brings smiles to community

It's National School Counseling Week, and we love our school counselors! Campuses across the district are giving their counselors some deserved extra attention and appreciation this week for all the hard work they do, especially in helping our students meet the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is an example of one of our amazing counselors. Grace Roy has been the school counselor at Madison Elementary since 2000. She prides herself in classroom guidance, and in coming up with fun incentives and events for the students. Invested in the community, she makes time for each student who comes to talk to her, especially the one who reminds her Wednesday is Taco Day. We appreciate you Ms. Roy, and all of our SAISD Counselors.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Lanier named inaugural JROTC Cyber Pilot school

The U.S. Army recently selected Lanier High School to be a participant in its JROTC Cyber Pilot flagship program. The Mighty Voks Battalion is part of the inaugural cohort of the competitive program, making Lanier one of only two schools in Texas and among 11 in the nation to be invited. Additional schools across the country will be invited to join the program in following years.

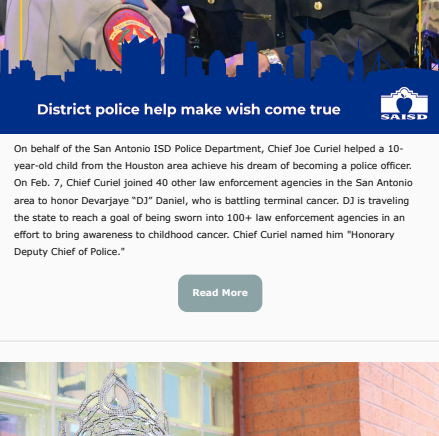
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District serves more than 1,200 curbside meals

On the second day of school closure due to winter weather, the Child Nutrition Services staff mobilized to take weekend meals to children in our area, operating a curbside meal distribution at 13 campuses. Child Nutrition staff distributed 626 meal bundles that included a breakfast and lunch meal for a total of 1,252 meals. The job was a collaborative effort with facilities and custodial teams, who helped ensure buildings were open and functional, and with the SAISD Police Department, who provided security at each site.

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World Read Aloud Day kicks off two projects

San Antonio ISD and Valero representatives joined millions around the globe in celebrating the power of reading aloud on the 13th Annual World Read Aloud Day, celebrated this year on Feb. 2, 2022. The read aloud event kicked off the Classroom Libraries Project and the Teacher Recognition Project, which are coordinated by The Leaders Readers Network and will be funded by Valero at J. T. Brackenkridge Elementary School. Additional funders include Valero and IECA Foundation, are underwriting four additional SAISD schools, including Herff and Smith elementary and Martin Luther King and Will Rogers academies.

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YWLA junior wins Regional Spanish Spelling Bee

Young Women's Leadership Academy junior Paola Jauregui De La Rosa just brought home her third first place win at the ESC Region 20 Spanish Spelling Bee. She credits her success to her bilingual upbringing, methods of studying, and her study team — her mom and Spanish teacher Marie Marks.

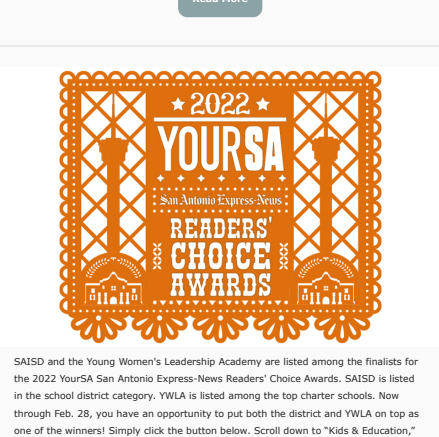
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District police help make wish come true

On behalf of the San Antonio ISD Police Department, Chief Joe Curiel helped a 10-year-old child from the Houston area achieve his dream of becoming a police officer. On Feb. 7, 2022, you have an opportunity to put both the district and YWLA on top as one of the winners! Simply click the button below. Scroll down to "Kids & Education," scroll to "Charter School" and select "Young Women's Leadership Academy," and then scroll down to "School District" and select "SAISD." You can cast one vote per day until the end of the month. Let's take the title of the BEST of YoursA2022!

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Presidential Scholar Candidate at St. Philip's ECHS

An SAISD senior at St. Philip's Early College High School, Sydney Jackson, has just been named a candidate in the 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. She is one of 5,000 honored high school students, out of 3.6 million high school seniors. Semi-finalists will be announced mid-April and Scholars in May. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. Sydney is her school's current Salutatorian; she plans to attend UTSA to major in Cybersecurity and seek a CTE teaching certification. Sydney also has applications pending for Yale and Harvard Universities.



AlamoPROMISE extends to six more campuses

More San Antonio ISD students will be able to afford postsecondary education at Alamo Colleges after a recent expansion of the AlamoPROMISE program effective Fall 2022. The program, which ensures access to postsecondary education by providing for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees to graduating seniors in the San Antonio area, has expanded in SAISD to now include seniors at the Advanced Learning Academy, CAST Tech High School, Cooper Academy at Navarro, St. Philip's Early College High School, Travis Early College High School, and the Young Men's Leadership Academy.

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REMINDERS

View and vote on SAISD's 2022-23 Instructional Calendar by Feb. 18

Veá y vote por el calendario académico de SAISD de 2022-23 para el 18 de feb.

SAISD invites staff members and families to vote on the Instructional Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. SAISD staff received an email with the subject Annual Instructional Calendar Survey from the email address SAISD Instructional Calendar Survey <SAISD_CalendarSurvey@saisd.net> on Feb. 9, 2022 with a personalized link. Please use the link from the Feb. 9 email to respond to this survey by Feb. 18.

CAST Tech offers free tax preparation

CAST Tech High School is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on its campus to help households making \$65,000 or less file their income taxes for free. CAST Tech students in Principles of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Practicum of Business classes do the data entry, while supervised by tax experts. "This will be our third tax season hosted at CAST Tech and my sixth year supporting this program," VITA Site Coordinator Lillian Garcia Bernal said. "I hope that student volunteers learn from this experience how to prepare taxes and how financial decisions will impact their return. I also hope that they will be able to see our community with a different perspective." The program assisted 146 taxpayers last year and has a goal of 200 this year. For more information and dates, click the link below.

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SAISD and the Young Women's Leadership Academy are listed among the finalists for the 2022 YoursA San Antonio Express-News Readers' Choice Awards. SAISD is listed in the school district category. YWLA is listed among the top charter schools. Now through Feb. 28, you have an opportunity to put both the district and YWLA on top as one of the winners! Simply click the button below. Scroll down to "Kids & Education," scroll to "Charter School" and select "Young Women's Leadership Academy," and then scroll down to "School District" and select "SAISD." You can cast one vote per day until the end of the month. Let's take the title of the BEST of YoursA2022!

[Vote Here](#)

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

CLOSING SHOTS

Students in the agriculture program at Burbank High School accepted a delivery of cabbage from the Landscape and Horticulture Department at Palo Alto College on Feb. 8. The high school students immediately planted the crop and will now tend to the cabbage over the next two months. Students will donate the harvest to the San Antonio Food Bank in mid- to late-April. Burbank agriculture students annually donate a ton or more of cabbage to the food bank as part of their school program.

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